(c) the number of pending applications for new telephone connections; and

(d) the time by which the pending applications are likely to be cleared?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 33044 telephone connections are existing in Bhopal city as on 31.3.92. To meet the demand for new telephone connections in future, the draft Eighth Five Year Plan has envisaged reducing the waiting period for a telephone to about two years. Plans are being drawn accordingly for the expansion of Bhopal telephone network.

(b) On an average 500 applications were received per month during the year 1991-92.

(c) 6068 applications for new connections are pending as on 31.3. 1992.

(d) In view of (a) above, the existing waiting list is expected to be cleared progressively during the Eighth Plan period.

Cancelation of Agreement with M/s Radisson by ITDC

7025. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Tourism development corporation (ITDC) cancelled its agreement with M/s. Radisson - an International Hotel Chain from USA; and

(b) if so, the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). M/s Radission Hotel corporation of U.S.A. has given notice for terminating the marketing agreement with ITDC.

STD Facility in Haryana

7026. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the STD facility has been provided in all exchange particularly in the Babain Ladwa telephone exchange in Kurukshetra District of Haryana;

(b) if not the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which this facility is likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Trunk Automatic Exchange at Ambala and the transmission media between Ladwa & Kurukshetra are getting ready and STD will be provided on its completion.

(c) By March, 1993.

Food Processing Industries with Foreign Collaboration

7027. SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of joint venture collaboration set up during 1991-92 in the field of food processing industries;

(b) whether some such proposals are pending for the approval of the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to clear the proposals?